Federally Funded Early Childhood Technical Assistance Projects

Child Care Bureau - *www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb*
U.S. Department of Education - *www.ed.gov*
Head Start Bureau - *www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb*
Health Resources and Services Administration - *www.hrsa.gov*
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration - *www.samhsa.gov*

Child Health

Healthy Child Care America
A collaborative effort of health professionals, child care providers, and families seeking to improve the health and well-being of children in child care settings.
www.healthychildcare.org

National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care
Provides State-level child care contacts and health and safety products, including training curricula, national standards, and links to other organizations.
Toll-Free: (800) 598-5437; http://nrc.uchsc.edu

National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health
Provides a broad range of training and technical assistance opportunities for States, Tribes, Territories, and communities to assist in transforming service delivery systems for children with mental health needs and their families.
http://gucchd.georgetown.edu/programs/ta_center/index.html

Infant and Toddler Care

Early Head Start National Resource Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families
Offers information and training on best practices related to the development and care of infants and toddlers.
http://www.ehsnrc.org

National Infant & Toddler Child Care Initiative
Find resources focusing on issues related to child care for babies and toddlers and the development of child care systems to serve them.
http://nccic.org/itcc

Information Products and Services

Head Start Information and Publications Center (HSIPC)
Find an array of comprehensive resources and publications on an extensive range of topics related to Head Start. HSIPC Toll-Free: (866) 763-6481; http://www.headstartinfo.org

National Child Care Information Center (NCCIC)
National clearinghouse and technical assistance center linking parents, providers, policymakers, researchers, and the public to early care and education information.
NCCIC Toll-Free: (800) 616-2242; http://nccic.org

Child Care Aware (CCA)
A source for locating child care programs, getting advice on child care issues, and accessing early child care and education resources.
CCA Toll-Free: (800) 424-2246; http://www.childcareaware.org

Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center
Offers the early childhood community one-stop shopping for information on all facets of early childhood development.
This URL is currently under construction; for more information, please visit www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb.

National Dissemination Center for Children With Disabilities (NICHCY)
Central source of information on infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and research-based information on effective educational practices for individuals with disabilities.
NICHCY Toll-Free: (800) 695-0285; http://www.nichcy.org
Resources for Head Start Grantees and Partners

Head Start Fiscal Assistant
Large database of all the statutes, regulations, and policies related to fiscal management of Head Start grants. Using this online tool, users can quickly locate, sort, and appropriately interpret and apply information related to Head Start grants administration and management.
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb/hsfa

Head Start National Facilities Assistance Desk
Provides guidance for constructing and/or renovating a facility to meet Head Start program needs and standards.
http://www.hsnrc.org/Facilities/Index.cfm

Child Development Associate Credentialing Program
Program supported by the Council for Professional Recognition, a nonprofit organization in Washington, D.C. The Council recognizes competence for Head Start through this program.
http://www.cdacouncil.org

Head Start Higher Education Grantee Partnerships
Partnership program between colleges and universities and Head Start grantees to increase the number of Head Start teachers with college degrees in early childhood education.
http://www.hsnrc.org/highereducation

Head Start Family Literacy Project
Provides professional development and support to Head Start staff in the delivery of high-quality family literacy services.

http://www.famlit.org/programsandinitiatives/headstart/index.cfm

Research and Outcomes

Child Care and Early Education Research Connections
Offers research resources, such as reports, data sets, and data collection instruments for researchers, policymakers, and practitioners.
http://www.childcareresearch.org

The Early Childhood Outcomes Center: Demonstrating Results for Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers With Disabilities and Their Families (ECO)
Promotes the development and implementation of child and family outcome measures for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with disabilities.
http://www.the-ECO-center.org

Educational Resources Information Center
The Education Resources Information Center (ERIC), sponsored by the Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, produces the world's premier database of journal and nonjournal education literature. The ERIC online system is the world's largest and most frequently used education database, comprising more than 1 million bibliographic records spanning from 1966 to the present.
www.eric.ed.gov

Research and Training Center on Early Childhood Development (RTC)
The RTC is designed to provide research-based information to parents and early childhood professionals on interventions associated with the healthy mental, behavioral, communication, preliteracy, and social-emotional state of young children with or at risk for developmental disabilities.
http://www.researchtopractice.info

What Works Clearinghouse (WWC)
The What Works Clearinghouse was established in 2002 by the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), U.S. Department of Education, to provide educators, policymakers, researchers, and the public with a central and trusted source of scientific evidence of what works in education. The WWC aims to promote informed education decisionmaking through a set of easily accessible databases and user-friendly reports that provide education consumers with ongoing, high-quality reviews of the effectiveness of replicable educational interventions (e.g., programs, products, practices, and policies) that intend to improve student outcomes. The WWC is administered by IES through a contract to a joint venture of the American Institutes for Research and the Campbell Collaboration.
http://www.whatworks.ed.gov

Social and Emotional Development

Center for Evidence-Based Practice: Young Children With Challenging Behavior
The Center promotes the use of evidence-based practice to meet the needs of young children who have, or are at risk for, problem behavior.
http://challengingbehavior.fmhi.usf.edu

Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning
A consortium of organizations dedicated to strengthening the capacity of child care and Head Start programs through best practices for the social and emotional development of children.
http://www.csefel.uiuc.edu

Training and Technical Assistance

National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center
Supports the implementation of the early childhood provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
http://www.nectac.org

National Head Start Training and Technical Assistance Resource Center
Supports Head Start training and technical assistance needs and facilitates communication and information- sharing within the Head Start community.
http://www.hsnrc.org

Tribal Child Care Technical Assistance Center (TriTAC)
Provides specialized technical assistance to Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations in child care capacity-building efforts.
TriTAC Toll-Free: (800) 388-7670; http://www.nccic.org/tribal

National Child Care Information Center (NCCIC)
Offers comprehensive technical assistance for State child care programs.
NCCIC Toll-Free: (800) 616-2242; http://nccic.org

Selected Online Resources
FINDING PROGRAMS

Head Start/Early Head Start Program Locator
http://www.ehsnrc.org/ProgramLocator/ehssites.com
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb/hsweb/index.jsp
Search for Head Start and Early Head Start programs by State, city, or region.

Child Care Aware
http://www.childcareaware.org
Find information on how to choose child care and link to local child care resource and referral agencies.

OSEP-Funded Projects Finder
http://www.nectac.org/search/projfinder.asp
Searchable database of early childhood projects funded by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), U.S. Department of Education.

STATE CONTACTS

State Early Childhood Special Education Contacts
http://www.nectac.org/search/confinder.asp

State Child Care and Development Fund Contacts
http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/statedata/dirs/devfund.html

Head Start State Collaboration Offices
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb/contacts/index.htm

National Association of Early Childhood Specialists in State Departments of Education
http://naecs.crc.uiuc.edu

State Early Care and Education Professional Development Web Sites
http://nccic.org/pubs/goodstart/state-ece.html

Please Note

This is a selected list of technical assistance resources. For more, check the following Federal agency Web sites:
- Child Care Bureau—www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb
- U.S. Department of Education—www.ed.gov
- Head Start Bureau—www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb
- Health Resources and Services Administration—www.hrsa.gov
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration—
  www.samhsa.gov.